# LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD Austin, Texas

# FISCAL NOTE, 78TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

#### May 2, 2003

TO: Honorable Troy Fraser, Chair, Senate Committee on Business & Commerce

FROM: John Keel, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB135 by Brown, Fred (Relating to the requirements of an auctioneer's license.), As

**Engrossed** 

**Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds** for HB135, As Engrossed: an impact of \$0 through the biennium ending August 31, 2005.

The bill would make no appropriation but could provide the legal basis for an appropriation of funds to implement the provisions of the bill.

## General Revenue-Related Funds, Five-Year Impact:

Fiscal Year	Probable Net Positive/(Negative) Impact to General Revenue Related Funds	
2004	\$0	
2005	\$0	
2006	\$0	
2007	\$0	
2008	\$0	

#### All Funds, Five-Year Impact:

Fiscal Year	Probable Revenue Gain/ (Loss) from GENERAL REVENUE FUND 1	Probable Savings/(Cost) from GENERAL REVENUE FUND 1	Change in Number of State Employees from FY 2003
2004	\$22,475	(\$22,475)	0.5
2005	\$19,525	(\$19,525)	0.5
2006	\$19,525	(\$19,525)	0.5
2007	\$19,525	(\$19,525)	0.5
2008	\$19,525	(\$19,525)	0.5

#### **Fiscal Analysis**

The bill would require auctioneer applicants to complete at least 80 hours of classroom instruction at an auction school with a curriculum approved by the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation.

## Methodology

In order to approve auctioneer school curriculums on an annual basis, the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (TDLR) indicates it would need an additional one-half FTE (Administrative Technician IV) each year. Currently, there are 34 auction schools throughout the United States and Canada, three of which are certified by the Texas Workforce Commission. TDLR estimates 5 schools

would request curriculum approval.

Because TDLR would not have authorization to collect fees for curriculum approval, it indicates the auctioneer's license fee would be increased to cover costs associated with the program.

#### **Technology**

The Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation would require \$1,150 in 2004 to cover the cost of computer equipment for one-half FTE.

# **Local Government Impact**

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

**Source Agencies:** 452 Department of Licensing and Regulation

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